

281A.175 Requirements for school bus endorsement -- Exemption from driving skills test for current licensees until October 1, 2005.

- (1) An applicant for a school bus endorsement shall satisfy the following requirements:
 - (a) Qualify for a passenger vehicle endorsement by passing the knowledge and skills test for obtaining a passenger vehicle endorsement;
 - (b) Demonstrate knowledge of loading and unloading children, including the safe operation of stop signal devices, external mirror systems, flashing lights, and other warning and safety devices required for school buses by state or federal law or regulation;
 - (c) Demonstrate knowledge of emergency exits and procedures for safely evacuating passengers in an emergency; and
 - (d) Demonstrate knowledge of state and federal laws and regulations related to safely traversing highway rail grade crossings.
- (2) An applicant for a school bus endorsement shall take a driving skills test in a school bus of the same vehicle group as the school bus the applicant will drive.
- (3) Prior to October 1, 2005, the driving skills test required for an applicant for a school bus endorsement may be waived by the cabinet for an applicant who:
 - (a) Is currently licensed;
 - (b) Has experience driving a school bus;
 - (c) Has a good driving record;
 - (d) Certifies and has state verification that, during the two (2) year period immediately prior to applying for a school bus endorsement, the applicant:
 1. Held a valid commercial driver's license with a passenger vehicle endorsement to operate a school bus representative of the group of bus the applicant will be driving;
 2. Has not had his or her operator's license or commercial driver's license suspended, revoked, or canceled, or been disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle;
 3. Has not been convicted of any of the disqualifying offenses in 49 C.F.R. sec. 383.51(b) while operating a commercial motor vehicle, or of any offense in a noncommercial vehicle that would be disqualifying under 49 C.F.R. sec. 383.51(b) if committed in a commercial motor vehicle;
 4. Has not had more than one (1) conviction of any of the serious traffic violations defined in 49 C.F.R. sec. 383.5 while operating any type of motor vehicle;
 5. Has not had any conviction for a violation of state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, arising in connection with a traffic accident;
 6. Has not been convicted of any motor vehicle traffic violation that resulted in an accident; and

7. Has been regularly employed as a school bus driver, has operated a school bus representative of the group the applicant seeks to drive, and provides evidence of such employment.
- (4) On and after October 1, 2005, all applicants for a school bus endorsement shall be required to take a driving skills test.

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